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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM ON COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS
GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR JULY 21 BY FONMIN KIM TONG-CHO (REF B).

BEGIN TEXT: WITH REGARD TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL CONCERNING
THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, THE
ROKG WISHES TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING VIEWS WITHIN THE
GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF ITS POSITION DELIVERED TO U.S. SIDE
ON MAY 1, 1974:

1. IT IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE THAT A U.S. FOUR-STAR
GENERAL OFFICER, WHO IS CONCURRENTLY COMMANDER, UNITED
STATES FORCES IN KOREA, WOULD BE RETAINED AS COMMANDER-IN-
CHIEF, COMBINED COMMAND AS LONG AS THE PRESENT LEVEL OF
UNITED STATES MILITARY PRESENCE IS MAINTAINED IN KOREA.

2. THE ROKG IS OF THE VIEW THAT IT WILL BE IN CONFORMITY
WITH THE BASIC CONCEPT OF THE COMBINED COMMAND AUTHORITY
TO HAVE THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF EXERCISE OPERATIONAL
CONTROL OVER BOTH ROK AND U.S. FORCES ASSIGNED TO THE

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COMMAND. THE LIST OF THE UNITS TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE

COMBINED COMMAND SHALL BE DECIDED BY AN AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES.

3. THE ROKG CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A ROK/US MILITARY COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, AS AN ORGAN SUPERIOR TO THE COMBINED COMMAND. THE COMPOSITION, STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE SHALL BE DECIDED BY AN AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES.

4. IT IS PROPOSED THAT MILITARY STAFFS DESIGNATED BY BOTH COUNTRIES MEET TO DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE COMBINED COMMAND FOR A REVIEW BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. END TEXT.
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